

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A rubber composition for a tire comprising  
20 to 120 parts by weight of an inorganic filler, and  
5    5 to 70 parts by weight of polyethylene powder,  
based on 100 parts by weight of diene rubber;  
said tire being prepared by kneading at 140°C at most.
2. The rubber composition of Claim 1, wherein the particle  
10 size of said polyethylene powder is at most 500 µm.
3. A pneumatic tire having a base tread comprising the  
rubber composition of Claim 1 or 2.